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--Recombinant, attenuated infectious laryngotracheitis viruses containing a deletion or deletions in a glycoprotein gene are provided. Also provided are glycoprotein genes, gD, gI, gG and gE as well as other viral genes.--

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please cancel claims 44-52 and 54-86 without prejudice. Applicant elects to pursue those claims identified by the Examiner as Group 1 claims (claims 39-43 and 53) in an Office Action in the parent case dated September 25, 1996. These claims are drawn to nucleic acids encoding glycoprotein D (gD) and a method of diagnosis. In addition, applicant wishes to pursue new claims 87-92.

Support for these claims can be specifically found on page 29, lines 8-9, page 50, lines 1-10, in the sequence listing and also elsewhere throughout the specification.

The pending claims are thus as follows:

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39. An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding an infectious laryngotracheitis virus glycoprotein D.

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40. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 39, wherein the isolated nucleic acid molecule is genomic DNA.

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41. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 39, wherein the isolated nucleic acid molecule is cDNA.

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42. An isolated RNA molecule which is derived from the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 39.

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90. (new) The recombinant DNA molecule of claim 87, wherein
the recombinant DNA molecule further comprises DNA
encoding infectious laryngotracheitis virus glycoprotein I.

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91. (new) A host cell comprising the recombinant DNA
molecule of claim 87.

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92. (new) A host cell comprising the recombinant DNA
molecule of claim 90.

Applicant notes that a computer (disk) copy of the sequence listing has
already been filed in the parent case. Applicant is submitting a Request for
Transfer of Computer Readable Form of Sequence Listing along with this
Preliminary Amendment.

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